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SUBJECT: T.Q. IV PROGRAM

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1. REQUEST THAT CHARLES GRANT BE RETAINED AS ALTERNATE UNTIL LEONARD YOUNG HAS TRAVELLED. YOUNG HAS RETURNED FROM SUMMER TRAVEL, IS MOST ANXIOUS TO VISIT U.S. SOON, BUT AS OF THIS WRITING, HE HAS BEEN UNABLE

TO ARRANGE AFFAIRS AT UNIVERSITY TO EXTENT HE CAN PROVIDE FIRM DEPARTURE DATE.

2. FOR T.Q. GRANT POST NOMINATES MR. WONG TSU-WAH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

,
FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES (FHKI). WONG BORN IN SHANGHAI IN 1942, IS MARRIED, HAS ONE SON. MAJORED IN COMMERCE AND BUSINESS AT UNIVERISTY OF ILLINOIS, BUT HAS NOT BEEN TO U.S. SINCE 1966. PAST EXPERIENCE INCLUDES FOUR YEARS OF IMPORT-EXPORT BUSINESS, FOUR YEARS AS JOURNALIST FOR SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, AND HAS BEEN WITH FHKI FOR FIVE PLUS YEARS. VERY WELL KNOWN BY COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONGEN. PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION ON POSSIBILITY OF JOINT U.S.-HONG KONG RESEARCH AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ON OCCASION OF VISIT BY DR. ALFRED EGGERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RESEARCH APPLICATIONS, NSF. BOTH DR. EGGERS AND CAO VERY HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY WONG'S CONTRIBUTION AND EGGERS EXPRESSED HOPE HE COULD MEET WONG IN THE U.S. WONG IS VERY ARTICULATE. NOMINATION HAS SUPPORT OF POST NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND IS TIED CLOSELY TO COUNTRY PLAN.

3. AS ALTERNATE FOR WONG POST NOMINATES PATRICK SUE-SHUM TAM,
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SPECIAL WRITER AND REPORTER FOR CHINESE EDITION OF STAR, WHICH

HAS CIRCULATION OF ABOUT 50 THOUSAND. TAM IS IN CHARGE OF THEIR DAILY ECONOMIC PAGE. ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT; PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR ENGLISH EDITION OF STAR. IS APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS OLD.

4. AS SECOND ALTERNATE NOMINATE DAVID CHEN, FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR, SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST. WAS BORN IN SHANGHAI IN 1930, STUDIED ENGINEERING AT FUTAN U., SHANGHAI, AND JOURNALISM AT COMMONWEALTH PRESS UNION, LONDON. VISITED U.S. AS CORRESPONDENT IN 1969 TO REPORT ON APPOLLO 12 LAUNCHING. ALSO SERVED AS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT IN U.K. AND GERMANY AND HAS TRAVELLED WIDELY IN ASIA. REPORTING HAS BEEN ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

5. REQUEST POST BE INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT DECISION ON WONG SOON.
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